St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church
Capital Campaign 2016-2019
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

With the support and approval of the Diocese of Austin, St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church is moving forward with a capital campaign to help our parish build for the future. Our decision was based on recommendations from our parish leadership team and parish councils, as well as parishioner feedback in the January 2016 listening session. All of these groups recognized a need to expand facilities and services to welcome new families and to create a home where we can worship, serve and grow together.

The theme we’ve chosen for our campaign, Building to Heal, was inspired by St. Martin de Porres, whose life was devoted to serving Christ through selfless acts of faith, charity and healing. We also were inspired by Pope Francis, who expressed a need for the church to heal the brokenhearted and bind up their wounds.

Healing is central to the mission of St. Martin de Porres and plays a defining role in our vision for the Master Site Plan, which you’ll learn more about on the following pages.

I ask that you please join me in making our capital campaign a success and prayerfully consider a gift according to your means. With your support, we will increase our capacity to gather, to serve, to learn and to carry on the healing ministry of St. Martin de Porres for many generations to come.

God Bless,

Father Charlie
Pastor

“I see clearly that the thing the church needs most today is the ability to heal wounds and to warm the hearts of the faithful. It needs nearness, proximity. And you have to start from the ground up. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds... Then we can talk about everything else.”

-- Pope Francis
This is an exciting time to be a member of St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church! We’ve experienced the blessing of unprecedented growth in recent years, with our parish now serving more than 800 families – and that trend is expected to continue.

To welcome new growth and new life, we are launching the Building to Heal Capital Campaign to provide the resources necessary to serve more parishioners, expand our ministries and create new disciples for Christ. We will follow a three-phase Master Site Plan that not only addresses priority needs identified by parishioners but also reflects the stages of healing that are central to the ministry of St. Martin de Porres.

**Phase 1 - Emotional Healing**

The first phase of our capital campaign will raise funds to build a new multipurpose building that will bring our parish together as a community focused on emotional healing. This spacious, two-story building will provide a nursery on the first floor, 12 rooms for faith formation and parish groups, office space for parish staff and a commercial-grade kitchen. It also will include a 6,000-square-foot parish hall that will be used as a transitional worship space on weekends when Mass attendance outgrows the current church. After its completion, we will continue using the current parish hall for a variety of long-term purposes.

After the completion of Phase 1, our capital campaign will continue to address the parish's growth needs. Our beautiful new church, the focal point of spiritual healing for our parish family (Phase 2), will comfortably accommodate up to 1,600 parishioners. After its completion, we will use the current church as a day church for events such as weddings, funerals, baptisms and prayer groups. Our new parish activity center will provide resources and facilities to promote physical healing (Phase 3).

As we look to the future, it’s important to stay grounded in the tenets taught to us by St. Martin de Porres. He showed us that selfless acts of charity and healing are possible only through humble service to Christ. His enduring faith also gave him the strength to overcome poverty and discrimination and become a courageous advocate for social justice.
EXISTING PARKING

EXISTING CHURCH

EXISTING CHAPEL

FUTURE SANCTUARY
22,675 SQ.FT.

FUTURE GYM
1-STORY
8,800 SQ.FT.

PLAY AREA

PHASE 1 MULTI-PURPOSE
26,548 SQ. FT.

FUTURE RE/ADMIN.
2-STORY
40,554 SQ. FT.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS/
MEDITATION AREA

EXISTING + PHASE ONE PARKING SPACES = 196
FUTURE PARKING SPACES = 697
TOTAL PARKING SPACES = 792

POSSIBLE WET POND
Frequently Asked Questions

Why do we need to build?

We serve a community that is growing exponentially. This is great news for our parish – but only if we are prepared! In the last two years, Mass attendance has increased by 70 percent. With a projection of more than 10,000 new homes planned in the surrounding community, it will not be possible to accommodate increasing membership in the current space, especially when we consider ancillary needs such as a nursery and child care. New families are our future, and we need to make sure they find a welcoming and supportive home in our parish.

New construction seems expensive. Why not just expand our current facilities?

Participants in the parish survey and the January 2016 listening session identified a number of needs that must be addressed to serve our growing parish family. Their top priority was more meeting space, since current rooms are not large enough for faith formation and group meetings. Other priorities were a larger parish hall closer to campus to accommodate growing attendance at weekend Masses; a nursery and expanded space to care for young children; office space for parish staff; and a commercial-grade kitchen.

A financial analysis based on their feedback concluded that new construction would be a much more cost-effective, long-term solution. Because all needs were rated closely together, we decided to construct a multipurpose building in Phase 1 to address multiple priorities and to bring our parish together as a community focused on emotional healing. Parishioners also asked that we preserve as many trees as possible, position the new multipurpose building in its current location, cluster buildings and surround them with areas for parking – all requests that are reflected in the Master Site Plan.

Taking on debt seems risky. Can we afford it?

Our parish is well-positioned financially to build for the future. Before launching the capital campaign, parish leaders made a goal to pay off all debt, which we achieved at the end of 2015 with guidance from our finance council. We have demonstrated a commitment to prudent financial management and debt minimization. We are planning to implement the Master Site Plan in phases to spread out costs and pay down our debt quickly.

How much will Phase 1 cost, and when will it be complete?

The total cost of Phase 1 is $4 million if we only build shell space on the second floor of the multipurpose building to save costs initially. The campaign will be funded by a $1.5 million loan from the diocese and our $2.5 million capital campaign. If we reach our $3 million challenge goal, we will be able to build out the second floor for a total project cost of $4.5 million. Our plan is to run a capital campaign pledge drive from fall 2016 to spring 2017, with funds to be collected through fall 2019. If we meet our capital campaign pledge goals, then in spring 2017 we will obtain final building and loan approval from the diocese. If approval is granted, we will break ground in fall 2017 and complete the building in fall 2018.
Methods of Giving

Every gift is important in the Building to Heal Capital Campaign, and all gifts matter. In order to conduct a successful campaign and achieve our fundraising goals, St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church will rely on the generosity of every parish family.

Each of us must discern how God is calling us to contribute to this much-needed expansion project. Selecting the best gift plan also depends on your personal financial situation and goals. Donors are encouraged to consult with financial advisors to determine the most beneficial contribution methods, as tax laws are always changing and each individual’s situation is unique. You may also consider planned giving or bequests as methods of making charitable gifts to the capital campaign.

Pledges

Pledges are commitments of payments to be made over time. We have chosen a three-year campaign to assist families in making their best gifts. Please consider making a down payment; the remainder can be spread over the three-year pledge period following a payment schedule that works for you. Please consider giving based on the giving levels suggested on the back cover.

Cash

Most commonly, donors make cash payments using a check, credit card or debit card, EFT or automatic bill pay. You may benefit from such payments with a charitable deduction on your tax return. Please make checks payable to St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church and note “Building to Heal Capital Campaign” in the memo section of the check. For automatic withdrawals, EFT, credit card and debit card, please use your existing WeShare account. You can sign up for WeShare at www.stmartindp.org by clicking on the donate button.

Securities

Stocks, bonds or mutual fund shares that have appreciated can have an immediate impact on our campaign and also create an income tax deduction for you based on their current value.

Corporate Matching Gifts

A matching gift program provided through your employer may allow you to increase the value of your gift. Many companies match charitable gifts made by their employees, retirees or board members. Please check with your company’s human resources department to learn more about this option.
Suggested giving levels

The following chart is provided to serve as a guide as you prayerfully consider your level of support over a three-year period. Pledge payments will begin on November 1, 2016, and are in addition to your regular giving.

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The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirit is crushed – Psalm 34